

Joe Bondra-2021 MAPMS Honorary Membership Resume

Joe Bondra Dedicated his career to progressing, leading, and sustaining the aquatics industry. He started in aquatics in 1990 working with Richard and Judith Hinterman of Cygnet Enterprises, Inc. Over the years, Joe helped grow Cygnet Enterprises into a leader of aquatic plant management product distribution. In 2010, Joe purchased Cygnet from Richard and Judy and was the president/owner until September 2020. Joe has tirelessly fought for the aquatics industry and it shows through all of the positions he held.

Joe was a member of the Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society for over 30 years and served as president in 1998 and 2008. He also served 3 terms on the board of directors from 1994 – 2011. Joe received the Distinguished Service award in 2012 and served on the past president's committee since 1999.

He was a member of the national Aquatic Plant Management Society for over 30 years as well. Joe also served this society through two terms on the board of directors (2001 – 2003; 2006 – 2009). He was the RISE special representative from 2007 – 2015. Joe was also legislative special representative from 2009 – 2010.

Joe was very active within Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE). He served on the aquatics committee, executive committee aquatic pesticide coalition, and distributor council during his 15 years of membership. He also served as a pesticide advisory committee member for Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Joe served on the Michigan Aquatic Managers Association during his entire aquatic career. He served as the Legislative Committee Chair during much of that time and was instrumental in producing numerous pieces of legislation to benefit the aquatic pesticide applicators in Michigan.